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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-32. (PREVIOUSLY CANCELLED)

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A mold section assembly for a die-casting machine comprising:

a mold section having a cavity portion and adapted to cooperate with at least another mold section in a closing action of the die-casting machine to form a cavity to receive an injection of material for producing a cast part;

a mounting plate releasably secured to the mold section, the mounting plate having sliding connection means so as to be slidingly engaged to a leading end of a shank of the die-casting machine, in a direction generally perpendicular to a direction of translation of the shank in said closing action of the die-casting machine; and

securing means for securing the mounting plate to the shank of the die-casting machine.

34. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The mold section assembly according to claim 33, further comprising an ejector plate retained in the mounting plate, the ejector plate having connection means so as to be slidingly engaged with an actuator portion of the shank simultaneously with the sliding engagement of the mounting plate with the shank, the ejector plate having at least one ejector actuatable by the actuator portion of the shank to be displaced into the cavity portion of the mold section to eject the cast part during an opening action of the die-casting machine.

35. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The mold section assembly according to claim 33, wherein the securing means is at least one clamp.

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36. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The mold section assembly according to claim 35, wherein the at least one clamp is fixed to the shank and has a lip portion having a surface slanted with respect to the direction of translation of the shank and to a direction of the sliding engagement between the mounting plate and the shank, so as to prevent movement between the mounting plate and the shank in said directions.

37. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The mold section assembly according to claim 33, further comprising an adaptor between the mold section and the mounting plate for securing the mold section to the mounting plate such that mold sections of various sizes can be mounted to a common shank through a common mounting plate.

38. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The mold section assembly according to claim 33, wherein the die-casting machine is a multiple-slide die-casting machine.

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A slide section for a die-casting machine comprising:

a shank mounted to a slide of the die-casting machine and connected to an actuation mechanism of the die-casting machine for being translated with respect to the slide in closing/opening actions of the die-casting machine;

a mounting plate having sliding connection means so as to be slidingly engaged to a leading end of the shank, in a direction generally perpendicular to a direction of translation of the shank in the slide;

a mold section releasably secured to the mounting plate and having a cavity portion, the mold section being adapted to cooperate with at least another mold section in a closing action of the die-casting machine to form a

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cavity to receive an injection of material for producing a cast part; and

securing means for securing the mounting plate to the shank.

40. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The slide section according to claim 39, further comprising an ejector plate retained in the mounting plate, the ejector plate having at least one ejector displaceable into the cavity portion of the mold section to eject the cast part during the opening action of the die-casting machine, and wherein the shank comprises an ejector hub slidably received in an inner cavity of the shank, the ejector hub being connected to the ejector plate simultaneously with the sliding engagement of the mounting plate with the shank and being actuated so as to displace the ejector for ejecting the cast part.

41. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The slide section according to claim 39, wherein the securing means is at least one clamp.

42. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The slide section according to claim 41, wherein the clamp is fixed to the shank and has a lip portion having a surface slanted with respect to the direction of translation of the shank and a direction of the sliding engagement between the mounting plate and the shank, so as to prevent movement between the mounting plate and the shank in said directions.

43. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The slide section according to claim 39, further comprising an adaptor between the mold section and the mounting plate for securing the mold section to the mounting plate such that mold sections of various sizes can be mounted to a common shank through a common mounting plate.

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44. (PREVIOUSLY ADDED) The slide section according to claim 39, wherein the die-casting machine is a multiple-slide die-casting machine.

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